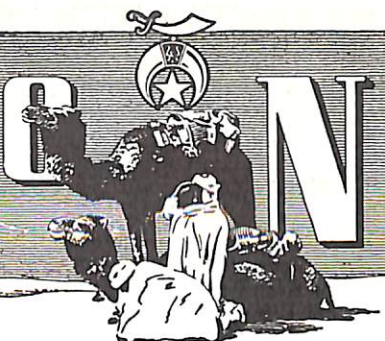


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## III. Noble Justin A. Duncan Elected Potentate of Aleppo Temple for 1947

### 4000 Nobles Attend Annual Meeting, Election of Officers, Initiation and Ceremonial

AT the Annual Election of Officers of Aleppo Temple held in Mechanics Building, Boston, Friday, January 24, 1947, Illustrious Noble Justin A. Duncan was unanimously elected to the office of Illustrious Potentate of Shrinedom's fourth largest Temple.

The 26th Noble to be chosen to lead the destinies of Aleppo Temple, Noble Duncan has served in each elected office in the Temple beginning with the office of Oriental Guide, in January, 1940.

The Annual Election took place in Grand Hall in Mechanics Building with nearly 4,000 Shriners in attendance to witness the elevation of the Illustrious Potentate and his newly elected Divan Officers to serve with him through the coming year. Other Officers elected were: Wallace D. Riddell, Chief Rabban; Frank B. Ells, Assistant Rabban; N. Russell Lynn, High Priest and Prophet; Andrew S. Seiler, Oriental Guide; Frank W. Morrill, Treasurer; and Harvey B. Leggee, Recorder. Past Potentate and Imperial First Ceremonial Master Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., was elected Trustee of the Permanent Fund for three years, to succeed himself. Representatives to the Imperial Council from Aleppo Temple for the year 1947 elected at this annual meeting were: Potentate Justin A. Duncan, Chief Rabban, Wallace D. Riddell, Recorder Harvey B. Leggee and Past Potentate Willard P. Lombard.

In an Installation Ceremony held on the stage of Grand Hall, Imperial First Ceremonial Master Wilson duly installed the Illustrious Potentate and his elected Divan.

Following the Installation of Officers Potentate Duncan announced his appointment of the following Officers: First Ceremonial Master, Noble Albert A. Schaefer; Second Ceremonial Master Noble Lawson W. Oakes; Marshal, Noble Walter W. Benson, and Director, Noble Frank W. Watson.

Illustrious Potentate Duncan was raised in Hammatt Lodge A. F. & A. M. of East

Boston, June 27, 1911, and after serving in each office in the Lodge was elevated to Worshipful Master, where he served in 1919, 1920 and 1921. He also served the



Illustrious Potentate  
JUSTIN A. DUNCAN

Lodge as its Treasurer from 1923 through 1946. Illustrious Noble Duncan was a Charter Member and the first Treasurer of Noddle's Island Lodge A. F. & A. M., and was for 25 years Treasurer of the East Boston Masonic Association, Inc. In 1933-34 he served in the office of District Deputy Grand Master of the Boston Third Masonic District.

Shortly after joining Aleppo Temple in August, 1918 he became a member of the Aleppo Temple Arab Patrol and after serving for seven years in the Fourth Platoon was appointed Personnel Adjutant of the Patrol which office he held for thirteen years.

In January, 1939, Illustrious Potentate Duncan was appointed First Ceremonial

Master of Aleppo by the then presiding Potentate, Illustrious Noble James J. Curry.

Noble Duncan holds membership in Boston Commandery No. 2, Knights Templars and is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Boston and Massachusetts Consistory 32nd degree. He is a Past Patron of Mystic Chapter No. 34 O. E. S. of East Boston and an associate member of Colonial Chapter No. 96 O. E. S. of Winthrop.

He holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows serving as Noble Grand of his Lodge and as a Past District Deputy Grand Master.

Noble Duncan has for many years been a member of the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts and served as Commander of the Company in 1935 and 36.

At the Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanics Association held last month, Noble Duncan was elected President of the Association for three years, succeeding to that office after serving as Vice-president for 1934, 1935 and 1936.

Our newly elected Potentate has been in the foundry business for many years, starting with his father, the late William Duncan, who originally joined Aleppo Temple in 1897. In 1918, following the death of his father, Potentate Duncan incorporated the foundry business known as William Duncan & Sons, located on Liverpool Street in East Boston; becoming President and Treasurer of the Company. Associated with him are his three brothers, William W. Duncan, Vice-president; Frederick B. Duncan, Assistant Treasurer and Secretary, and Andrew W. Duncan, Director, all members of Aleppo Temple.

Potentate Duncan is one of the most active foundrymen in this part of the country, being a member of the New England Foundrymen's Association, a former President of the Associated Brass Founders of New England, and served for three years as a Director of the Non-Ferrous Founders Society, which is the national organization of the industry.

Noble Duncan is also well known among the banking fraternity, holding the offices at the present time of Vice-president, Trustee and a Member of the Board of Investment of the East Boston Savings Bank. He is also a Director of the Enterprise Co-operative Bank of East Boston.



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**BIG GAIN  
IN SHRINE MEMBERSHIP**

THE final compilation of the membership of the 159 Shrine Temples in North America has been made at the office of Noble Everett W. Jacobs, Imperial Recorder in Richmond, Va. A flash just received from the Imperial Recorder shows that the number of Nobles holding membership in the 159 Shrine Temples totaled as of December 31, 1946 — 491,559 — making a gain of 56,598 for the year 1946.

**ALEPPO CEREMONIAL  
APRIL 28, 1947**

ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE JUSTIN A. DUNCAN announces that he has definitely contracted with the Mechanics Building for the date of Tuesday, April 29 for a big full-form Ceremonial of Aleppo Temple.

Due to the many shows in the Mechanics Building and the time consumed in preparation for the same, it is at times difficult to obtain a one-day date for a Shrine meeting. However, the Nobles of Aleppo will be pleased to hear that the April date, although being held on a Tuesday night, comes on the fifth Tuesday of the month and is, therefore, less apt to conflict with any set dates of other organizations. They will also be glad to learn that Illustrious Potentate Duncan has announced that he will hold another full-form Ceremonial before the summer season, the tentative date of which has been set for Friday, June 27.

Other tentative dates for full-form Ceremonials are Tuesday, September 23 and Friday, November 28. The Illustrious Potentate also announces that he has tentatively reserved the date of Saturday, December 27 for the Annual Shrine Stag Night. We suggest you make note of these dates in your calendar. The Ceremonial Tuesday, April 29, is a definite date; the other dates are tentative and any change in the same will be noted in future issues of the ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS.

**IMPERIAL DIVAN BUSINESS  
MEETING IN MIAMI**

THE thirteen members of the Imperial Divan recently held a three-day meeting in Miami, Florida to discuss many projects confronting the Shrine of North America at this time.

Headed by Judge George H. Rowe, of Ismailia Temple, Buffalo, New York, Imperial Potentate of the Shrine, the Divan, which corresponds to a Board of Directors, will consider the approval of the construction of a \$1,500,000.00 Crippled Children's Hospital in Los Angeles as well

as a proposed Crippled Children's Clinic in Houston, Texas.

The Imperial Divan, which includes two members of Aleppo Temple, Imperial First Ceremonial Master, Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., and Imperial Recorder Everett W. Jacobs, will also consider applications for three new Temples of the Order to be located in Albany, Georgia; Fresno, California and Portland, Maine. The meeting will also include the consideration of plans now being made for a two-train Shrine trip to Mexico City in March. The plans call for the departure from St. Louis, February 28, arriving in Mexico City March 2. The Shrine caravan expects to be in that city from March 2 to March 10, during the visit to that country of President Truman.

Other business to be discussed at this meeting includes plans to be made for the Annual Imperial Council Session to be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, May 27-28 and 29.

**NOBLE CORMERAIS RETIRES AS  
GENERAL AFTER FIFTY-YEAR  
RECORD**

A RECORD of service was recently attained by one of Aleppo's Nobles which is bound to stand for many years to come if ever to be equaled. On November 10, 1946, Noble Henry D. Cormerais, who for many years has served as Chief of Staff of the Aleppo Temple Arab Patrol, was retired from the Massachusetts National Guard after 50 years of continuous active service. Noble Cormerais before his retirement was commissioned a Brigadier General.

General Cormerais has had an active and colorful career coming up through the ranks from that of a buck private, originally enlisting in Company B of the 5th Infantry in Cambridge in 1896. He served as Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant following which he was Battalion Adjutant on the Regimental Staff and later became a Second Lieutenant in Company H, Massachusetts National Guard.

In 1915 General Cormerais was elected Captain of Company C in Newton and later saw active service with that company on the Mexican Border. During World War I he commanded the same company in Europe as a part of the 101st Infantry Regiment.

After being wounded in June 1918 he was returned to the United States in November of that year and was made Aide to General Edwards June 1, 1919, serving in that office until September 30, 1919.

In 1919 General Edwards received his Majority and served as Executive Officer of the 51st Brigade, becoming Inspector

General of the Commonwealth in May 1923 in which capacity he served until his retirement in November 1946, the longest term ever held in the office of Inspector General by any officer of the Massachusetts National Guard.

Aleppo Temple salutes its new General — 50 years of continuous active service in the military is a record to be proud of.

**SHRINE HOSPITALS  
REMEMBERED IN WILLS**

THE will of Mrs. Hannah Ella Woodmansee bequeaths her entire estate to the Spokane Unit of our Hospitals. Her late husband has left his estate to his widow. Mr. Lee Woodmansee had been a magazine distributor and had invested his funds wisely. The stocks, bonds and cash willed to our Spokane Unit are appraised at more than \$200,000.00.

The will of Noble George Sauer of Ainad (East St. Louis) bequeathed \$25,000.00 to our Chicago Unit.

Descendant of one of our earliest settlers in Illinois, Orus E. Gates had inherited a highly productive farm from his grandfather. Orus joined the Lodge at Tuscola and was a devoted member. Later he joined the Scottish Rite and enjoyed Shrine fun and fellowship at Mohammed (Peoria). He was unmarried. He saw two poor crippled kiddies from his neighborhood enter our St. Louis Unit. When Noble Gates went to St. Louis he would drop in for a friendly visit with the patients.

Last month Noble Gates answered the final summons while working in a field on his farm. He bequeathed his real estate, valued at \$145,000, and personal property valued at \$40,000 to our St. Louis Unit.

Northward from St. Louis, up the Mississippi, lies peaceful Hannibal, of Mark Twain fame. Twain bequests of noteworthy distinction were revealed when the will of Mrs. A. M. Nipper was filed.

Mrs. Nipper was the widow of the former superintendent of Hannibal Public Works. Her close advisors included a Past Grand Master and members of Moolah (St. Louis). Under the terms of her will our St. Louis Unit and the Masonic Home in St. Louis will receive more than \$100,000 each from the estate.

A Mason in heart and deed was William L. P. McCaw. He held membership in the Lodge at Manchester, Conn., and had observed the wonderful work wrought upon crippled youngsters by the patient, kindly, skilled hands of our expert Hospital staff. Through the terms of his will \$30,000 was bequeathed to our Springfield Unit to perpetuate our Heaven-inspired labors.

**PROFESSOR DE HASS LUNCHEON  
SPEAKER, AUTHORITY ON  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

AT THE next Shrine Luncheon to be held in the Hotel Statler, Friday, February 28, the members of Aleppo Temple will have an opportunity of seeing and hearing Prof. J. Anton DeHaas, internationally known authority on International Relations.

Professor DeHaas will speak on a subject to be announced in a notice to be mailed the middle of the month.

Professor De Haas has taught the subject of International Relations in several Universities including Columbia University, New York University and the University of Rotterdam, in Holland. He now holds the chair of International Relations in the graduate school of Business Administration of Harvard University.

In addition to college teaching he has served as special agent in Europe for the California Immigration Commission. He was an examiner of the Federal Trade Commission and was a Captain in the U. S. Army in World War I.

During a world tour in 1937 and 1938, Mr. De Haas spent one month in Japan where he went as Chairman of the Official U. S. Delegation to the World Conference of the World Federation of Education Association. He also visited China, spent some time in the Philippines, two months in the Dutch East Indies and a month in British India. In each location visited he had his study of the economic development and the industrialization of the Far East.

Mr. De Haas' writings include "Foreign Trade" and "Shipping Foreign Trade Organizations." "The Practice of Foreign Trade," and numerous articles in technical magazines here and abroad. He is Associate Editor of "World Affairs" as well as of several European magazines.

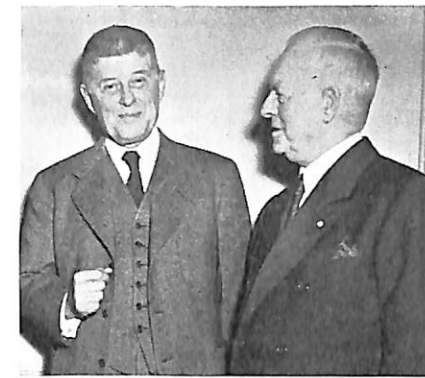
He is on the Staff of Outside Lecturers at the Naval War College and the U. S. Army War College.

In recognition of his activities for the promotion of international intellectual co-operation Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands conferred upon him the order of Orange-Nassau with the rank of officer.

**IS YOUR BOY A DE MOLAY?**

YOUR son's membership in the Order of De Molay will associate him with boys who are pledged to lead clean and moral lives. It will increase his love and respect for his parents, and appreciation of things they have done for him. It will teach him the way of life that leads to clean manhood and substantial citizenship. It will strengthen his love for God, his country and his fellow man.

Your son's participation in the activities of the Chapter will aid him in developing an ease of manner and a knowledge of procedure that will prove a valuable asset when he reaches the age of manhood. His contact with boys from all parts of the city and from all walks of life will broaden his outlook and result in an understanding that will be helpful in meeting the problems of his future.



THE MAN OF THE HOUR Honorable and Noble Clarence A. Barnes, Attorney General of the Commonwealth, tells Illustrious Potentate Justin A. Duncan at the January Shrine Luncheon in the Statler Hotel, before a record crowd of nearly 600 Shriners that, "if the Barnes Bill passes, the influence of labor in Legislation is gone."

**NOBLE HILTZ HAS BRILLIANT  
MASONIC RECORD**

THE following interesting letter was received from one of our ardent Masons, Noble William Hiltz, who has a record of service to Masonry that any Mason could be proud of. No doubt, many of Aleppo's Nobles have seen Noble Hiltz and his famous Cable Club Degree Team in action.

"December 31, 1946.

"Dear Noble Recorder:

"I am in receipt of your kind letter and the 1947 due card.

"Although I am only a simple Shriner I have had considerable experience as a Master Mason which may interest you. I have been connected with the New Haven Railroad over 60 years and now pensioned 9 years. In 1919 I was Master of St. Paul's Lodge, South Boston. In that year the Masons of the New Haven formed what became the famous Cable Club and the Cable Club Degree Team. They made me the presiding Master and for over 20 years, conferred the 3rd degree on practically 1,000 members, more than half railroad men, I being the working Master. At that time our club had over 3,000 members and second to none for perfect ritualistic work. We worked in lodges from Cape Cod to New Haven, Connecticut, and often before Grand Officers, who always gave us great praise.

"The Railroad Officials gave us many favors as it made the railroad better men. One night we worked in Worcester and they gave us a special train free, to and from Providence. The train crew were all members of the Cable Club and gave their services free. In 1926 we received an invitation from Royal Standard Lodge in Halifax, Nova Scotia, a lodge comprised of Officers of the Army and Navy. It is the only lodge there working under the Grand Lodge of England. The Railroad gave us passes there and also furnished a

private Pullman for our use. We had a royal time in Halifax and the lodge made 14 of us Honorary Members, and sent our names to the Grand Lodge of England as well as our pictures.

"The Grand Master and his officers were present for the evening and he gave the full 3rd degree of the Massachusetts Ritual and the officers of the other 10 lodges were present, most of them in dress suits. The lodge room was crowded and was kept open until about 2.00 A.M. with plenty of refreshments of all kinds. The Grand Master, in his remarks, said it was the finest piece of work he ever saw, and suggested to his members to 'go thou and do likewise.'

"All the newspapers had headline stories of the events and the Army made the next few days holidays and furnished cars and took us around to the principal showplaces.

"I am still active in lodge work. I raised my grand nephew in June in Atlantic Lodge, Quincy; also my nephew in Orphan's Hope Lodge in Weymouth, December 10. I have lots of Aleppo members who I have raised and you can ask them if they know Billie Hiltz of the Cable Degree.

"Again thanking you and the Shrine for your favor, I am as ever, the same old  
"NOBLE BILLIE HILTZ."

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HONOR ROLL CONTINUED

THE January issue of the News contained two pages of the names, rank and decorations of the Nobles who were members of Aleppo Temple at the time they served in World War II. In January, the names from A to L were listed. The following is a list of the balance of the 447 names on Aleppo Temple's Honor Roll of World War II.

John Littlefield	Lt. Comdr.	
George Litwack	SF 2/c	
Lester E. Lohnes	Capt.	
George P. Lord	Comdr.	
Spencer D. Lorton	Lt.	
Norman J. Lorway	SK 1/c	
Ralph G. Lucas	Major	Commendation Ribbon
Maurice H. Lukatch	Capt.	
Harris K. Lyle	Comdr.	
John A. Macauley	SF 1/c	
Ralph F. Macauley	Sgt.	Bronze Star
Russell J. MacDonald	Lt. Comdr.	
H. Arnold MacLean	WO	
Harold P. McLeod	Lt. Col.	
Norman D. MacLeod	Major	Major
William R. Maddox		
Otto Maier		
Richard H. Margeson	Major	Meritorious Sv. Plaque
Carleton K. Marshall		
John R. Marshall		
Joseph Marshall, Jr.	Amm. 3/c	Presidential Unit Citation
Jack Marshard	Capt.	
Stanley E. Mason	CGM	Commendation
Thomas C. Mathewson	Major	
Clarence J. Mattson	ART 1/c	
John C. H. Mattson		
Lawrence C. McEwen	Capt.	
William H. Mellen	Major	
Lester A. Miller	CM	
Ralph E. Miller	CY	
William B. Miller	CMoMM	
Frank E. Milley	PFC	Purple Heart w/ Oak Leaf Cluster, Belgian Fourragere
Jack A. Mitchell		
Clarence L. Moor, Jr.	PFC	
Lewis E. Moore	Col.	
William E. Moore	Lt. Col.	
Ralph W. Moorhead	S/Sgt.	
Arthur A. Morrison	MMR 1/c	
Robert S. Morrow	Capt.	Meritorious Sv.
William J. Morton	PFC	
Fred K. Mougey		
William W. Munday		
Edward L. Munroe	Capt.	
Philip A. Munroe	Lt. Comdr.	Commendation
Samuel P. Murdock	CCs	
Elmer C. Nelson	Major	
John B. Nelson	Lt. Col.	
Robert K. Newhall	BM 1/c	
Earl L. B. Newman		
Nathan J. Newman		
Myron E. Norton	PFC	
Carroll A. Oliver	Comdr.	Commendation
Fred H. Oliver		
Percy Orrell		
Cerlo C. Paciulli		
Wilbur E. Parker		
Ray H. Palmer	Major	
George S. Parlin		
Edgar H. Patterson	Lt. j.g.	
Cecil J. Pease	Ensign	
Harry C. Peavey	Col.	
Wilfred Peach		
George E. Perkins	Col.	
Moses N. Perkins	Pvt.	
Ralph E. Perkins	Lt.	
Sydney H. Perley	Lt. Col.	
Alfred W. Peterson	Major	Bronze Star
Lovell L. Peterson	Major	Army Commend. Rib.
Philip M. Pfaffman	1st Lt.	
Fred W. Picken	Pvt.	

Arthur G. Pollard	Sgt.	Purple Heart Presidential Unit Citation
Robert M. Polley		
Frederick W. Pope	Comdr.	
Herbert W. Pope	Comdr.	
Herbert S. Potter	Lt. Col.	
Frank G. Pratt	Lt. Col.	
Charles Preisigke	Lt. Col.	
Charles V. Primpas	Major	Purple Heart
Morris Rachins	Ensign	
Hymen W. Radovsky		
William P. Ragsdale	Comdr.	
Paul R. Reed	Lt. Comdr.	Bronze Star
Marion K. Reynolds	BM 1/c	
George J. Richards	Maj. Gen.	DSM, Legion of Merit
Carl G. Richmond	Col.	Legion of Merit
Gordon W. Roaf	Major	
Keith W. Robbins		
George W. Roberts		
Joseph Rodman	Sgt.	
William J. L. Roop	Col.	Legion of Merit
Louis I. Rosenfield		
C. C. Ross		
Mitchell M. Rosser	Comdr.	
Edward Roth, Jr.		
John A. Russell		
Ernest J. Ryan	CS	
Joseph Saperstein	Cook 1/c	
Norman J. Satterthwaite	f 1/c	
David P. Sawyer, Jr.	CWO	Commendation (2)
John W. Schulz		
Herman Schwartz	Major	
Gordon Seabury	Lt. Col.	Commendation
Howard P. Sharts	Pvt.	
Maurice Sheffer	Capt.	
David Sherman	WO j.g.	
Raymond E. Shum	Col.	
Nathan E. Silbert	Major	Citations (3)
Henry O. Silsbee, II	Col.	
George B. Siltan		
Bernard B. Silverman	Cpl.	Bronze Star
Joseph Simon	Comdr.	
Earl C. Simson	GM 1/c	
Charles D. Small	ACMM	
Edward W. Smith	Lt. Comdr.	
Louis M. Smith	Capt.	
Ralph M. Smith	Col.	DSM
Roy W. Smith		
Wilfred L. Smith, Jr.	Lt. j.g.	
Gustave Sonnenberg		
Herbert W. Sovrensky		
Charles B. Spruit		
Edwin L. Stephenson, Jr.	PFC	
Morrill E. Stephenson	M/Sgt.	
Carl H. Stevens		
Daniel U. Stevenson	S/Sgt.	Bronze Star
Robert W. Stone	AC	
William T. Stone	MM 3/c	
Peter M. Strang	Lt. Comdr.	
Willoughby I. Stuart		
Norman H. T. Studley	Lt. Comdr.	Bailey Medal
John F. Sturman, Jr.	Col.	Legion of Merit
Carl A. Sturtevant	Lt.	
Hazen K. Sturtevant		
Christopher J. Sullivan	Lt. Comdr.	
Max H. Summerfield	Lt. Col.	
Jay S. Swingle	CWB	
Thatcher D. Taylor	CBM	Presidential Unit Citation
Howard H. Terhune	Capt.	
James E. Thornley	Lt.	Air Medal w/ 3 clusters
Byron M. Threlkeld	CMM	
Samuel T. Tisdale	Lt. Comdr.	
Frank Tortorella	CM	
Jess D. Traylor	Major	
Lee H. Tucker	Col.	Commendation Ribbon w/6 Clusters

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Garland C. Tucker		
Robert O. Turpin		
Walter J. Ungethuen	Col.	Legion of Merit
Clarence E. Varney		
Lawrence A. Vars	Comdr.	
Alfred Voysey	Col.	Legion of Merit, Commendation Ribbon
Johan F. Wahlstrom	CHWO	
Robert C. Waldheim	Cpl.	
Frederick B. Walker	CHWB	
Victor Warcholik	Major	
C. Macaulay Ward	Mus. 2/c	
Meyer Weker	Capt.	
William G. Welch	CCM	
Ralph H. Wells	Lt. Col.	
Ray D. Wells	Lt. Col.	
Fred H. Wileke	Lt.	Military Merit
David B. Williams	Lt.	
Robert C. Williams	Lt. Comdr.	
Allen D. Williamson	BM 2/c	
Arthur L. Wills		

Roy W. Wilson		
Royal C. Wilson		
Henry G. Wilton	Major	Meritorious Sv.
	Lt. Comdr.	Purple Heart
		Bronze Star
Leelan E. Witney	Col.	Legion D'Honneur Croix de Guerre w/Palms, Bronze Star w/ cluster, Commend. (3)
Max E. Witte		
James D. G. Wognum	Comdr.	
Sumner J. Wolfson	PFC	
Robert M. Wood		
Merrifield Woodis	SK 1/c	
Raymond F. Wray	S/sgt.	
Horace F. Wyman	SCB 3/c	
Thomas W. Wyman		
Robert Yas	Pvt.	
Allan M. Yoffa	Lt.	
Sarkis M. Zartarian	Col.	Purple Heart
Manual A. Zervas		



By NOBLE CHARLES C. FEARING  
Associate Editor

"BLUE SKY, NOTHING BUT  
BLUE SKY"

WE were reminded of this popular ditty when we got a telephone call from Ye Editor to send in our copy pronto. We have been so darned busy we were running around in circles. And to make matters more complicated "We ain't got no news" to speak of.

We got quite a bit of satisfaction at the last ceremonial when a good Noble from the South Shore, shook us by the hand and told us he was glad to meet the guy who was responsible for Band Notes, and that he always read our column with pleasure. Gee! Some folks are "gluttons for punishment." We have sometimes seriously considered retiring from the journalistic(?) field, as it is a hard job at

times trying to pick news items out of a "blue sky." But when we find that some of the Nobility actually read the stuff we put in this column, we have a change of heart.

The last ceremonial was a "humdinger," and from our position on the platform it looked as though it was a record attendance.

Our acquaintance with the new Potentate dates away back through the years, as we are both past officers in the same lodge in another fraternal society. We believe Ill. Potentate Duncan will fully measure up to the expectation of his many friends, and we wish for Noble Justin a most happy and prosperous term of office in Aleppo Temple. We are looking forward to a visit from him on some band night in the near future.

We were sorry to learn, through a newspaper clipping, that the "Black Camel" has knelt at the tent of one of our old time band members. Noble Calvin Wyer, who for several years played in the cornet section, passed away at his home in China, Maine, on Tuesday, January 27, and was buried in Fairfield, Maine, on January 29. Noble Wyer was a retired member of the Boston Police force and moved to Maine several years ago.

Noble Everett L. Westcott, formerly in the drum section, has just returned from the hospital after undergoing a major operation. He has been for several years instructor and leader of the school bands in Marblehead and Beverly. He was also at one time a drummer in Senior Walter Smith's band. Noble Westcott is recuperating at his home, 20 Lake Shore Drive, Westwood, Mass., and we extend our best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

We all have "pet peeves," and one of ours is the habit of a lot of motorists of stopping their cars clear over the cross walk when the light turns against them; which makes the poor pedestrian walk around 'em, either in front or behind, and take the risk of being "bumped". Ain't it the truth? Thus endeth the first lesson.



MASONS SHOULD GO TO CHURCH

EVERY Mason should take his place in the Church — some Church. Let him choose for himself. He should be proud and eager to show to the world that he is identified with the Church in his influences of good. The community without a Church would scarcely be a fit place in which to reside and raise a family. No one in his right mind would choose such a place. By the number of its Church spires you can usually judge of its fitness for a home.

A Mason, by attaching himself to the Church, will be doing nothing more than putting Masonic teachings into practice. Masonry and the Church have gone down before ignorance and paganism in Europe. Let Masonry and the Church in America stand for enlightenment, for justice, for freedom and for God. With such watchwords, there can be no failure in this great struggle. — *Masonic Digest*.

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By J. ARTHUR MCCOY  
Associate Editor

GREETINGS to our former patrol member, Justin A. Duncan, now illustrious Potentate of Aleppo Temple.


The competitive drill put on by the patrol at the January Ceremonial added considerable interest to the evening program. Congratulations to the second platoon for putting on the best show and winning the contest. There had been no drills for some time, but still, it was as fair for one platoon as another. The extra floor work kept everyone busy for a while, including Major Vaughan and Captain Sharpe.

The first platoon had the most absentees with a sick list including Arthur Holl, Fred Herman, Alonzo Reed and Harrington Wyand. We are glad that they are all coming along nicely now.

But there was another contest going on in a nearby sick-room, in which we were all gravely concerned. Our "old reliable," Walter Benson, Marshal of Aleppo, was ill and the reports were disturbing. The good wishes of his friends, excellent medical attention and the great stamina of the man, all prevailed, and Walter won his contest. After four weeks of confinement, we hear that, in his capacity of Supply Officer of the Patrol, he has arranged the details for the get-together of the units on February 14 and expects to be on hand as usual. It's almost worth the scare he gave us to have him back and well again. That was a contest that we all won.

The exodus to Florida still goes on — now it is Fred Marshall, Fred Wilder, Pete Adamian, Alexander Varkas and Fred Wegener — the latter is not interested in what happens at Hialeah Park — No, not much.

We noted the name of Melvin R. Lynn,



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of Medford, on the list of novices at the last Ceremonial. That must be the boy we heard such good things about in the Air Service, overseas, a while ago. He is the son of former Patrol member, N. Russell Lynn, who is our High Priest and Prophet.

Noble and Mrs. Bob Stone are delighted with their wonderful New Year's Day gift, a fine little baby girl. Mary Deborah is their second daughter. Congratulations. Bob is proprietor of the Lighthouse Inn at West Dennis.

We also want to extend our sympathy to Eddie Dimock in the recent loss of his mother.

Harold Budreau is always just going or returning from some interesting remote place. On February 1st he went up into the Asbestos country, the Thetford Mines, near Sherbrooke, Quebec.

All the principal officers of the Grand Commandery were in attendance at St. Omer Commander's Inspection and Em. Alec Campbell was a happy man, in knighting his son. At Winthrop Commandery's Inspection, on April 1, Em. Fred Wilcke will reverse that order and knight his father, Harry H. Wilcke. Here is another unique and happy situation for Fred.

In a recent edition of the NEWS, I enumerated the several officers of Coeur de Lion Commandery who were members of the Patrol. I, inadvertently, omitted Bert Elliott, who is Sword Bearer. Bert is the new drill master of Taleb Grotto's patrol, now reorganized and starting drills January 31. The late Arthur Hale was Commander of that patrol for many years.

It is good to see the father and son members of the patrol back again, now that son Herbert Andrews is out of the service. Orrin had three sons in the service. Herbert was a Staff Sergeant and served in the Philippines; Allen was a

Corporal, wounded at Normandy Beachhead, on his birthday while saving a comrade. Robert was a Lieutenant-Colonel in the 8th Air Force, serving in England.

Noble Crosskill of Anah Temple, courteously mentioned in this month's Anagram, his pleasure in visiting Aleppo in November. He says that he was much impressed by the crescent emblem feature, "It really was beautiful and a lot of time must have been spent in planning it." He was the guest of Noble Frank Finn of Roslindale, an original State of Mainer. Come again, Noble Crosskill.

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By VAIL K. HAAK  
Associate Editor

THERE'S been some changes made. Yes, since the last column The "Chief Rabbans," captained by Milt Kerr, the big silent man, have taken over the lead in the league by the comfortable margin of 5 points. Of course Milt hasn't done it all himself, for he has been ably assisted by team mates Whitworth, Bills, Lees and Rothmund. The "Assistant Rabbans," who have led the field the greater part of the season have dropped into a second place tie with the "Ceremonial Masters," captained by Frank Kittredge.

Old reliable Harold Chase has taken over top spot in the averages with a slight lead over his team mate Al B(jerk)lund. Averages of 106 and 105½. Hill is in the third slot with 103, followed by Jim Greig and Harry Gordon with 100. Chase in the past month has nosed out Gordon's three-string of 362 by rolling a neat 365, and to make him a unanimous champ, Chase still holds onto the high single of 140 with Arthur Hoyt still runner-up with 139.

The "Chief Rabbans" have the team single of 546, while Jerry Jones' "Ass't Rabbans" still have the team three of 1555.

Perce Davis has finally returned to the fold after an extended vacation in Nova Scotia. He immediately sparked his team mates to a 4-point win over his opponents on his first night back.

With an open season on sickness some of the teams have been bowling with skeleton crews, but we hope to have a full attendance on the teams for the stretch run.

The boys send their best wishes to Larry Bearse, one of our charter members, who has retired from bowling this year. Come down to the alleys some night, Larry, and say hello.

At this writing The Aleppo Team in The Amateur Boston Pin League is out in front by 6 points over Cottage Park Yacht and 8 points ahead of The Oxford Club of Lynn. Amos Crooks (the man with the voice) who is the most rabid rooter for Cottage Park, must be in a quandary as to allegiance when the Shrine team bowls his club. Better luck next time, Amos.

I think a lot of the success of the Shrine team up to date can be awarded to our scorekeeper and most ardent rooter, John Eaton.

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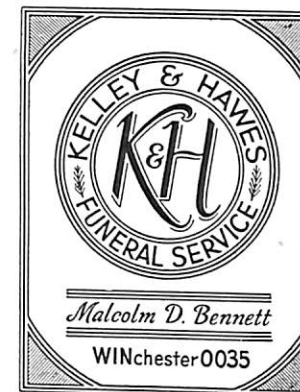
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By NOBLE J. HOWARD MACAULAY  
Associate Editor

SHERMAN had a name for War——! I wonder if he could, in one word, describe the agonies endured by a paying candidate (no discount for indignities) co-operating with the Degree Staff in amusing the Nobility.

It must be remembered that the candidate's day starts early, at 2.30 P.M. when he registers in with the Recorder, and after he has been fortified with one of Seiler's buffet dinners, following the afternoon ritual work, he is turned over to the Degree Staff about 5.00 P.M. and is given a rigid and strenuous "medical" by our examining D. S. Doctors, Clark and Worthen. From then until approximately 9.00 P.M. when he appears before the Nobility his misery cannot be described. He loses his dignity, his clothes, and most important, his shoes. He is given his costume and made up by Merle Daniels, our make-up man, to look like something not acceptable to associate with anything human. The waiting is terrific, the floor is cold and clammy and there is no comfort of any kind in the "Bull Pen" where he awaits his trip into the unknown. You know what is going to happen to him, but he doesn't.

The candidates who took it at our January Ceremonial and survived are: John A. Bell of Hopedale, Stanley T. Cogger of Melrose, Edward P. Clark of Spencer, William Cohen of Bradford, Bernard M. Colmes of Brighton, Verne A. Franklin of Wollaston, Robert B. Fraser of Amesbury, Samuel Gilboard of Lowell, Eli H. Gordon of Dorchester, Devon Galuzian of Newburyport, Walter S. Hopkins, Jr. of Reading, Francis L. Horgan of Hyannis, Edward E. Jordan of Swampscott, Rudolph R. Komenda, Jr. of Arlington, Hyman M. Krute of Allston, Melvin R. Lynn of Medford, Norman F. MacLeod of Leicester, Ernest H. Morris of Watertown, Charles C. Peckham of Lynn, Bernard H. Perlmuter of Newton Centre, Howard J. Richard of Brookline, Fred V. Roland, Sr. of Revere, Abraham H. Saxe of Brighton, Samuel Taub of Newton Centre, Howard S. Tochtermann of Somerville, Sidney S. Vernon of Dorchester, Leonard W. Wilcox of Brighton, Albin L. Young of North Quincy.

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